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SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



AUTUMN 2010

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OUTDOORS is your guide to programs and events within *Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area* – a unit of the National Park System. Dedicated staff and volunteers from these partner agencies and organizations provide many avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

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Questions?

To find out more info about a program or event: look for the acronym (for example, CCD stands for Cold Creek Docents) at the end of the program description, then see Page 2 for the agency or organization to contact.

You may also contact:
National Park Service
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401 West Hillcrest Drive,
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*Our goals are to ease fears and inspire awe in the mountains.
This is an introduction to nature for the public.*

— Anela Marie Ramos
Interpretive Park Ranger



Academia del Pueblo Summer Camp explores Leo Carillo State Park with the NPS Community Outreach Team



Community Outreach Team

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GOING *Wild* FOR THE SUMMER

What did you do during your summer vacation? For over a thousand children and adults from underserved communities in Los Angeles and Ventura County, their response will be an enthusiastic, “We visited Santa Monica Mountains!”

Thanks to a team of five park rangers working this summer in the recreation area’s Community Outreach Program, summer vacations for many urban youth and adults included a visit to a beach with tidepools, a cool hike under the canopy of sycamore trees, and even a chance encounter with a rattlesnake or two!

Most of the participants had never heard of or considered visiting one of the largest urban recreation areas in the country until their group leader

received an invitation to experience the mountains or coast on a free ranger-guided program. Thirty different organizations, from foster family groups to youth recreation centers, were introduced to a world of new experiences, including hiking, camping, and hands-on nature study in the mountains and along the beach.

Memories of canyon hikes and tidepool expeditions will linger on in the hearts and minds of the urban youth and adults, many of whom had never traveled beyond their home community. Their response to “What did you do on your summer vacation?” may just be slightly different this fall, peppered with stories of sea slugs, hawks, and poison oak. Oh my!

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Tuesdays at 9:00am

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon.
2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and soccer teams).

Reservations required:
310-456-8432
or 310-317-8379

SAT 10/2 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/2 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/2 9am
Solstice Canyon
Fall Equinox Hike Join us on a moderate 8-mile roundtrip, 2500' gain hike with ocean views. Bring water and lunch. Red Flag alert cancels. Info: 310-391-5004. 4hrs SC

SAT 10/2 9am
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles It's the ultimate discovery walk with naturalist Bob. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Meet at the Ranch House restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/2 9am
Solstice Canyon
Junior Ranger Adventures Become a junior ranger. Explore and learn about the resources on an easy-paced hike. Participants must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Meet in main parking lot. Carpool due to limited parking at this site. 1hr NPS

SAT 10/2 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamt.com. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 10/2 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about to a chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

Free Cultural Exhibit

Saturday, October 2

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Wichita tribal member **Michael Williams** has been perfecting his art since the early 1960s. His work has been showcased at museums and pow-wows throughout California. Come and see his latest pastels and drawings! The exhibit will run through December 5.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 10/2 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for such classics as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and *The Andy Griffith Show*. Go on location with Naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/2 2pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees Kids of all ages will enjoy this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with roots, branches, and leaves/needles! 2hrs MRCA

Topanga Canyon Docents 36th Annual Docent Training

October 3, 2010
Sunday at 9:30am

Learn the local history of the Santa Monica Mountains and how to share this gift with others.

Six Saturday sessions will cover many topics—including plants, mammals, insects, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and Native Americans. Four Sunday Interpretive walks will be held. FEE. 6hrs each class.

Reservations required
info@tc-docents.org
310-710-0883

SAT 10/2 3pm
King Gillette Ranch
Capture a Nature Moment Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a nature photographer pro. Meet at the native plant garden. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 10/3 8am
Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, and snack (bird book optional). Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 10/3 8:45am
Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Creek Restoration Help restore the 12-acre flood plain and creek channel. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Credit for community service. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@tree-people.org. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 10/3 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin For ages 3–8 accompanied by an adult, join us on a walk and create a take-home nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 10/3 3pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Capture A Nature Moment Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 10/5 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Easy-pace Hikers: Las Virgenes Canyon 6-mile 800' gain hike along a seasonal stream and grasslands of the Simi Hills. Meet at trailhead kiosk. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd exit north, 1+ mile to end; street parking. Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, October 3rd

10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

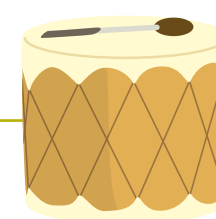
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Listen to Chumash songs and sing with Simunu drummers and singers.

All ages welcome!

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



THU 10/7 8am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons – Newton Canyon Trailhead
Moderate Hikers/Upper Zuma Canyon Backbone Trail, Zuma Ridge Rd This is an 8-mile, 1400' gain hike through the canyon, with mountain and ocean views. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 10/9 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/9 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/9 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Cold Creek Preserve Habitat Restoration Day Help plant, weed, and water to restore the habitat many animals depend on for food and shelter. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@tree-people.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

2010 Spirit of the Mountains Photo Exhibit

Opening Awards Ceremony Landscape Photography Lecture Photo Contest Critique

Join us for a big photo afternoon,
combining three events!

**October 9, 2010
Saturday at 1:30pm**

*National Park Service
Visitor Center*

1:30pm

Meet the photographers and view their entries as we open the show and announce the winners of this year's contest, which will be on display through December 31, 2010.

2:15pm

"Ten Tips For Better Nature Photography"
a lecture by Editor-at-large, Outdoor
Photographer, Rob Sheppard

3pm

Rob Sheppard conducts a constructive critique of the entries in this year's photography contest.

*Light refreshments will be served
in the afternoon.*

INFO: 805-370-2301

Lance-leaf Live-forever
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SAT 10/9 5:30pm

Franklin Canyon – Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Exploring the Darkness Join naturalist Steve on this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of the night. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/9 6:30pm

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Night-time in Nature Ages 8-12, learn why some animals stay up all night. Enjoy a pizza dinner before a hike and craft. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 3hrs MRT

SUN 10/10 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Birds of the Season On this 1-mile accessible walk, find out why so many species settle in for winter at this site. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Meet at native plant garden. Info: 805-370-2301. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 10/10 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Weed War is Recruiting Weed Warriors for Coast-weeks Bring lunch, water, and gloves. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. Community service credit given. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 10/10 10am

Rocky Oaks
Light on the Land Take an easy stroll and learn how to safely hike while lessening your impact on our fragile environment. Take a personal role by learning *Leave No Trace* skills such as basic outdoor travel. 1.5hrs NPS

ALLIED ARTISTS OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS & SEASHORE

8th Annual Art Exhibition & Sale

Malibu Nature Preserve
(33905 PCH, formerly Malibu Riding & Tennis Club)

October 10 Sunday, 11am to 5pm

Spend a relaxing afternoon viewing original art by local artists. Enjoy the beautiful grounds, ocean views, and towering sycamores. Refreshments served. Artists will donate 20% to Nature Preserve of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Info: 310-457-9130

SUN 10/10 6pm

Franklin Canyon – Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Music in the Mountains Connect with the spirit of nature as we focus on meditative rhythms. Bring a didgeridoo, drum, flute, clapper stick, or a shaker. 1hr MRCA

TUE 10/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Santa Ynez Cyn to Trailer Cyn This is a 9-mile, 2000' gain hike to Cathedral Rock. Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead (PCH north 0.5 miles on Sunset Blvd, left 2.5 mile on Palisades Dr, left on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs SC

SAT 10/16 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Conejo Trails Day Transportation to work sites provided; free lunch and thank-you raffle. Meet in Conejo Community Park. No experience necessary. Call for more information or a current trail work schedule. 805-338-7150. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/16 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/16 8:30am

Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter Explore the trails of the central Santa Monica Mountains into Topanga State Park. See how native plants cope with extended drought as we hike through open chaparral and oak woodlands. Bring hat, water, and sturdy boots. Info: 818-345-6749. 3hrs CNPS

SAT 10/16 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Woodland Restoration: Volunteers Needed Help plant and care for native oaks, shrubs, and grasses. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/ CNPS/TP

SAT 10/16 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Green, Brown, or on Fire Join a ranger and learn how our rare ecosystem has adapted to wildfire. How do non-native plants affect our ecosystem and what can you do to protect yourself from potential wildfire threats? 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 10/16 9:30am

Point Mugu State Park
Paint-Out All artists using any media will enjoy a plethora of painting sites, from beaches to campgrounds, and Mugu Rock. Info: 310-383-1374 or www.allied-artists.com. 4hrs AASMM

SUN 10/17 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Leaders: Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 10/17 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Woodland Restoration: Volunteers Needed Help plant and care for native oaks, shrubs, and grasses. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/ CNPS/TP

SUN 10/17 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate
Autumn's Allure Enjoy the transformation of the seasons in an early fall hike. Bring water and a snack. 2hrs CCD

SUN 10/17 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
A Turtle's Race Around the Lake Learn about our local ecosystem on an easy 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. 1.5hrs MRCA

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, October 17th
10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Cahuilla/Apache artist, Billy Warsoldier will display his selected paintings! Preview his artwork at www.warsoldierartwork.com

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

Sunday, October 17th
3pm – 5pm

The Howlin' Jupiters

Southern California roots rock n' roll trio with a surf and country rock sound

Santa Monica Mountains Band

An entertaining ensemble of park ranger-musicians play original and traditional songs with themes about the Santa Monica Mountains

National Park Service
Info: 805-370-2301



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.
 Reservations required:
 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. FEE Required.

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Adamson House Docent Training

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House.

Group or individual training available. Reservations required. FEE. 12 hours.

Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents
310-456-8432

TUE 10/19 9am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Moderate Hikers Rendezvous Hike Join us for an 11-mile roundtrip, 1400' gain hike to sites of many movies to Paramount Ranch rendezvous. Bring water and lunch. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-822-6848. 5.5hrs SC

TUE 10/19 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Moderate Hikers Rendezvous Hike Join us for a 9-mile roundtrip, 1200' gain hike to movie sets at Paramount Ranch. Park in 2nd lot. Bring water, lunch. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 818-501-1225. 5hrs SC

THU 10/21 8am

Caballero Canyon - Lower Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: Caballero Canyon, Garapito Trail to Eagle Rock 9-mile 1200' gain hike in northern Topanga State Park. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info 818-883-5499. 5hrs SC

THU 10/21 7pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nachochan Gathering "Nachochan" in Tongva means, "My eyes see your eyes. My hands are open." We open our hands to you. Join us for hands-on learning, crafts, and guest speakers. It's optional to bring a snack to share. 2hrs MRCA

Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

October 19, Tuesday at 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park

RAINBOWS TO AURORAS

Color and Light Phenomena in Nature

Why is the sky blue? What is a rainbow? What is a mirage? The answers to these questions and many more will reveal the magical effects of nature's color and light phenomena. Our presenter, Dr. David Lynch, will also provide tips on photographing these spectacular sights. Meet at Woodland Hall. 2hrs SMMC/MRCA

SAT 10/23 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Call for more information or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/23 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/23 6pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Meet at the upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 10/23 7pm
Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Adventure Enjoy a moderately strenuous hike to the summit of Hastain Trail for some of the best views in Los Angeles. Park gates close promptly at 9:15pm. All ages welcome. 2hrs MRCA

10th Annual Cider at Circle X

Saturday, October 23rd 10am–4pm
Circle X Ranch



Come visit a site high in the Santa Monica Mountains. We'll have cider, cookies, and candy at the Circle X Contact Station. Park staff will be available to provide trail information for self-guided exploration. NPS

Environmental Educator Training

*Like working with students (grades K–12)?
 Enjoy being outside interpreting nature?
 Want to be part of a local community
 of life-long learners and educators?*

Let the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains train you to become an Environmental Educator this fall.

INFORMATION
rcdsmm.org/education
rcdsmm.edu@gmail.com
 818-597-8627 x103

SUN 10/24 8:30am
Malibu Lagoon State Park
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts, beginners, adults, teens—all are welcome! Bring binoculars. 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 10/24 9am
Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles It's the ultimate discovery walk with naturalist Bob. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 10/24 9:30am
Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SUN 10/24 10am
Malibu Lagoon State Park
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups. 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 10/24 12pm
Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Create a Beautiful Garden Using Kitchen Scraps! Naturalist Norma will show you how to use worms and food scraps to enrich the soil to create a beautiful, healthy and earth friendly garden. Meet in front of park office. 1-1.5hrs MRCA

Temescal Canyon Association Monthly Sunday Hikes

Meet at 9am in Temescal Gateway Park to carpool to trailhead. Wear hiking boots/sturdy shoes; bring lunch and water. 5–6hrs
www.temcanyon.org



TUE 10/26 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Los Lions to Santa Ynez Cyn 8-mile loop, 1800' gain hike to Trippet Ranch. Meet at Santa Ynez Cyn trailhead (from PCH east 0.5 miles on Sunset Blvd, left 2.5 miles on Palisades Dr, left on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). Car shuttle. Bring water and lunch. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

TUE 10/26 7pm
Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP



Cold Creek
Dorants

Annual Naturalist Training

Have some natural science background and interest? Lead nature hikes with 8–12 year olds at beautiful UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve. Learn Santa Monica Mountains' plants, animals, early Chumash/Tongva culture, rocks, soil, and interpretive techniques. Make cool teaching tools. Fee.

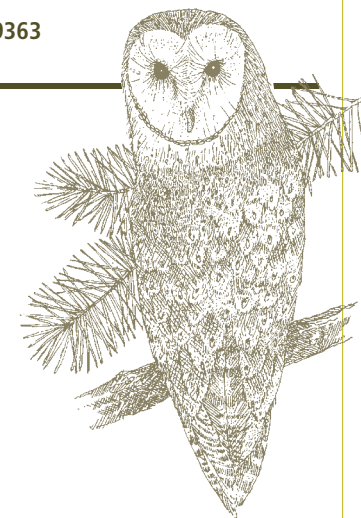
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SAT 10/30 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Call for more info or a current schedule. 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/30 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/30 9:30am
Runyon Canyon Park
Geology Walk Geologist-led walk covering five geologic formations and over 100 million years of history. Meet at north entrance, Mulholland Drive and Desmond Estates. 2hrs FORC

SAT 10/30 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD



SAT 10/30 5:30pm
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Night Creatures As the sun goes down, watch out for the night shift! We'll look and listen for nocturnal animals on an easy walk. Bring binoculars and a flashlight. Rain cancels. Meet at main parking lot. 1.5hrs NPS

SUN 10/31 10am
Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Ramble 2 miles around the coastal park on trails with views of mountains and sea; walk on the beach; return to the Bluffs and look for dolphins and whales. Meet in the parking lot. 2hrs CNPS



TUE 11/2 8:30am
King Gillette Ranch
Easy-pace Hikers: King Gillette Ranch Join a 5-mile, 400' gain hike through valley and coast live oak savannah, grasslands, and coastal sage scrub. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

TUE 11/2 9am
Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Backbone Trail – Hondo Cyn-Fossil Ridge to Saddle Peak A 10-mile roundtrip, 2600' gain hike. Meet at trailhead (take Old Topanga Cyn Rd 0.5-mile from Topanga Cyn Blvd; very limited parking on shoulders). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-839-9235. 5hrs SC

SAT 11/6 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. Call For more info or a current schedule. 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/6 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 11/6 8:45am
Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Creek Restoration Help plant, water and weed. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

Balanced Rock – Circle X Ranch

SAT 11/6 9am
Franklin Canyon – Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles It's the ultimate discovery walk with naturalist Bob. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Meet at the Ranch House restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 11/6 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamtb.com. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 11/6 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve – Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about along a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 11/6 10am
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Backbone Festival Hikes

On the first three Saturdays and Sundays in November and the first weekend in December, the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter will lead a hike on a portion of the 70-mile Santa Monica Mountains Backbone Trail.

November 6 Saturday, 9am
Santa Monica Mountains
Hondo Canyon to Saddle Peak Moderately strenuous 10-mile roundtrip, 2000' gain hike on the Backbone Trail, to lunch at peak. Meet at the trailhead on Old Topanga Canyon Road, at a turnout 0.5-mile from Topanga Canyon Blvd. Bring water, lunch, and lug-soles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs

November 7 Sunday, 8:30am
Zuma/Trancas Canyons – Newton Canyon Trailhead
Corral Canyon to Kanan Road Easy 7-mile hike on scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-559-3126. 3.5hrs

November 13 Saturday, 9am
Topanga State Park – Dead Horse Trailhead
Dead Horse Trail to Eagle Rock Moderate 8-mile roundtrip, 1200' gain hike. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-820-8021. 4hrs

November 14 Sunday, 9am
Point Mugu State Park – Ray Miller Trailhead
Ray Miller Trail Loop Moderate 8-mile, 1400' gain loop hike at the western end of the Backbone Trail into La Jolla Canyon. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-773-4601. 4hrs

November 20 Saturday, 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Bienveneda-Leacock Trails to Will Rogers State Park Very strenuous 14-mile, 2800' gain loop hike into Temescal Canyon and Will Rogers State Park. Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-398-6344. 7hrs

November 21 Sunday, 9am
Zuma/Trancas Canyons – New Canyon Trailhead
Kanan Dume Road to Trancas Canyon Moderately paced 8-mile, 1700' gain hike past Newton Canyon Falls to a stream-side lunch. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs

December 4 Saturday, 9am
Circle X Ranch – Mishe Mokwa Trailhead
Mishe Mokwa to Tri-Peaks: Tri-Peaks-Sandstone Peak Strenuous 9-mile, 2700' gain hike to reach six easy peaks (2800' to 3111') in one day. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-990-7643. 5hrs

December 5 Sunday, 9am
Santa Monica Mountains
Tapia Park to Mesa Peak Moderate 7-mile roundtrip, 1800' gain hike to Mesa Peak (1844') for spectacular ocean views. Meet on shoulder of Puma Road at intersection with Malibu Canyon Road. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs

Want more info on the Backbone Trail? nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/backbonetrail.htm

National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Find It, Sort It,
Compare It, Use It

November 6
Saturday, 2pm

National Park Service
Visitor Center

Dr. Mary Gordon will share how to create a successful oral history project. Her step-by-step template, focusing on Chumash elder Charlie Cooke, can be adapted by anyone collecting oral history information. 1.5 hrs



Info: 805-370-2301

National Park Service in
cooperation with Southwest
Oral History Association

SAT 11/6 2pm

King Gillette Ranch
Capture a Nature Moment
Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a nature photographer pro. Meet at the native plant garden. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 11/6 5pm

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*
New Moon Manifesting
Join naturalist Michael for a powerful guided meditation and manifest your dreams into reality. Come with goals in mind. Some light hiking. Bring water. 1.5hrs MRCA

SUN 11/7 8am

Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, and snack (bird book optional). Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 11/7 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
**Cold Creek Preserve
Habitat Restoration Day**
Help plant, weed, and water to restore the habitat many animals depend on for food and shelter. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 11/7 10am

Solstice Canyon
Secrets of Solstice Hear the story of Paul Williams, an African-American architect who designed the house at the top of Solstice Canyon. Uncover the history of the original house and see photos of the house before it burned down. Discover the location of the Solstice Shrine and the history behind it. Carpool due to limited parking at this site. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 11/7 10am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*
Kids' Hands at Franklin For ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult, join us on a walk and create a take-home nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 11/7 2pm

*Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch*
Capture A Nature Moment
Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, November 7

10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Learn more about the Chumash with
Tim King, a specialist in handcrafted
items of Chumash culture. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TUE 11/9 9:15am

*Point Mugu State Park -
Sycamore Canyon*
Moderate Hikers: Backbone Trail - Sycamore Cyn via Overlook Trail to Wood Cyn
Join us on a 9-mile, 1000' gain hike from Sycamore Canyon. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-822-6848. 5hrs SC

THU 11/11 8:30am

*Cheeseboro/
Palo Comado Canyons*
Moderate Hikers Join us on a 9-10 mile hike to Shepherds' Flat, over grasslands and along an old ranch road following a streambed. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

SAT 11/13 8:30am

Point Mugu State Park
Joint Trail Project Work on the Wood Canyon Vista section of the Backbone Trail. No experience necessary. Meet at the south end of Wendy Road in Newbury Park for shuttle to the trailhead. Bring a lunch to eat on the trail. Info: 805-338-7150. 6hrs SMMTC/CORBA

SAT 11/13 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 11/13 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Woodland Restoration: Volunteers Needed Help plant and care for native oaks, shrubs and grasses. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 11/13 9am

*Topanga State Park -
Los Liones Trailhead*
Parker Mesa Overlook On this 8-mile moderate hike (1300' gain/loss), enjoy views of the coast, chaparral, and the L.A. Basin. Bring snack and 2 qts water; wear hat and sunscreen. Rain cancels. 4.5hrs CWC

SAT 11/13 9:30am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Paint-Out New or experienced artists using any media can join us in search of one of the Santa Monica's special fall treats: the turning sycamore leaves. Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Making Landscape
Art like the Masters

November 13
Saturday, 2pm

National Park Service
Visitor Center

Join national park photographer **Tom Gamache** author of "Range on the Edge/The Santa Monica Mountains" for his video lecture. 1.5hrs

See Tom's work at:
www.tomgamache.com
Info: 805-370-2301

December 9-12
THE MASTERS PROGRAM
A landscape photography
workshop with Tom Gamache
and Van Webster.

See page 26

SAT 11/13 4pm

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*
Exploring the Darkness Join naturalist Steve on this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of the night. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 11/13 6:30pm

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Night-time in Nature Ages 8-12, learn why some animals stay up all night. Enjoy a pizza dinner before a hike and craft. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 3hrs MRT

SUN 11/14 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Birds of the Season On this 1-mile accessible walk, find out why so many species settle in for winter at this site. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Meet at native plant garden. Info: 805-370-2301. 2.5hrs NPS



SUN 11/14 8:45am
Solstice Canyon
Weed War is Recruiting
Volunteers Help remove the false caper that has taken over coastal canyons and hillsides. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service hours. Reservations required: 818-348-5910 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 11/14 9am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek This is a moderately difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom. Learn canyon history and habitat along the way. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
 Tuesdays at 9:00am

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and soccer teams).

Reservations required:
 310-456-8432
 or 310-317-8379

TUE 11/16 8:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Easy-pace Hikers 6-mile 1000' gain hike through two riparian canyons and chaparral, with sandstone outcroppings and year-round creek and grotto. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

TUE 11/16 9am
Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Leacock/ Bienveneda Trails to Radio Peak 8-mile roundtrip, 1600' gain hike to Temescal Cyn Park past Skull Rock to Radio Peak. Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave (0.5 miles west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mile north on Bienveneda). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

WED 11/17 10am
Peter Strauss Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting Artists and want-to-be-artists, bring your sketching and painting materials and join in! Info: Ed 805-492-0464. 4hrs TOPAW

THU 11/18 7pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nachochan Gathering "Nachochan" in Tongva means, "My eyes see your eyes. My hands are open." We open our hands to you. Join us for hands-on learning, crafts, and guest speakers. It's optional to bring a snack to share. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 11/20 8:30am
Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter Hike through chaparral and oak woodlands to look at fall foliage and the first signs of early winter bloomers. Bring water, hat, sunblock, and sturdy boots. Info: 818-469-2147. 3hrs CNPS

Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

November 16, Tuesday at 7:30pm
 Temescal Gateway Park

Land Grant Paper Trail in the Santa Monica Mountains

Tracking down land grants in California reveals clues about family history, land ownership, and the fascinating stories about them. These stories weave a web of relationships that local Topanga Canyon anthropologist, Chester King, will untangle for us. Meet at Woodland Hall. 2hrs SMMC/MRCA

SAT 11/20 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/20 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 11/20 8:45am
Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to go to work site. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 11/20 6pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, a meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Meet at the upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 11/21 8am
Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Leaders: Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

LAS MARAVILLAS DEL OTOÑO

The Wonders of Fall Bilingual Hike

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Sábado, Noviembre 20 10am
 Los días se hacen mas cortos y los arboles han cambiado su color. Venga a ver que otras cosas el Otoño nos trae. Gratis. Para direcciones vea #23 (Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa) del mapa incluido al medio de este librito. Encuentrenos en el esacionamente principal Información: 805-370-2301. 1.5hrs

Saturday, November 20 10am
 The days are getting shorter and the trees are turning colors. Come see what other changes the fall season brings to our mountains by joining us on this bilingual exploration hike. Meet in the main parking lot. Info: 805-370-2301. 1.5hrs

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 11/21 9:30am
Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SUN 11/21 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate
Autumn Canyon Walk See the subtle changes in nature as autumn arrives. See rocky grottoes, gurgling marshes, and oak woodlands. 2.5hrs CCD

Temescal Canyon Association Monthly Sunday Hikes

Meet at 9am in Temescal Gateway Park to carpool to trailhead. Wear hiking boots/sturdy shoes; bring lunch and water. 5-6hrs
www.temcanyon.org





DRAWING FROM NATURE: Interested in seeing articles on plants and animals in the Santa Monica Mountains, with illustrations by children ages 5–12?

Produced by the UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve, this science and art series was published in L.A. Times *Kids Reading Room Page* from 2001 through 2006 and can be found at <http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org/newsforkids.html>

For more info on the Reserve: <http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org>

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, November 21
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join **Sam Banagas** and see his works of art. His style is a mixture of traditional plains, woodlands, and surrealism. He enjoys depicting old traditions, legends, and myths of many Native American tribes.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 11/21 10am

Franklin Canyon – Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
A Turtle's Race Around the Lake Learn about our local ecosystem from naturalist Rebecca on an easy 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. 1.5hrs MRCA

SUN 11/21 5pm

Franklin Canyon – Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Adventure Look and listen for wildlife while enjoying a view of the stars on this moderately strenuous hike with naturalist Michael. All ages welcome. Meet at Franklin Ranch lower parking lot restrooms. Park gates will close promptly at 7:15pm. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 11/23 8:30am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons – Newton Canyon Trailhead
Easy-pace Hikers: Newton Canyon 5-mile, 800' gain hike on a scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

TUE 11/23 9am

Will Rogers State Historic Park
Moderate Hikers: Backbone Trail to Oak Tree 8-mile roundtrip, 1600' gain hike to Inspiration Pt, Chicken Ridge Bridge, and the Oak Tree. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-477-9664. 4hrs SC

TUE 11/23 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.
Reservations required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. FEE Required.

SAT 11/27 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/27 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Work off your Turkey Dinner! Join a ranger for a 6.5-mile strenuous loop hike to Danielson Monument and the Old Cabin Site. 3.5hrs NPS

SAT 11/27 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 11/28 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Park
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts, beginners, adults and teens-all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 11/28 8:30am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Hawks in Winter Kites and harriers join the many wintering species at this wide-open spot. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Rain cancels. Meet at main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 11/28 9am

Franklin Canyon – Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles It's the ultimate discovery walk with naturalist Bob. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 11/28 10am

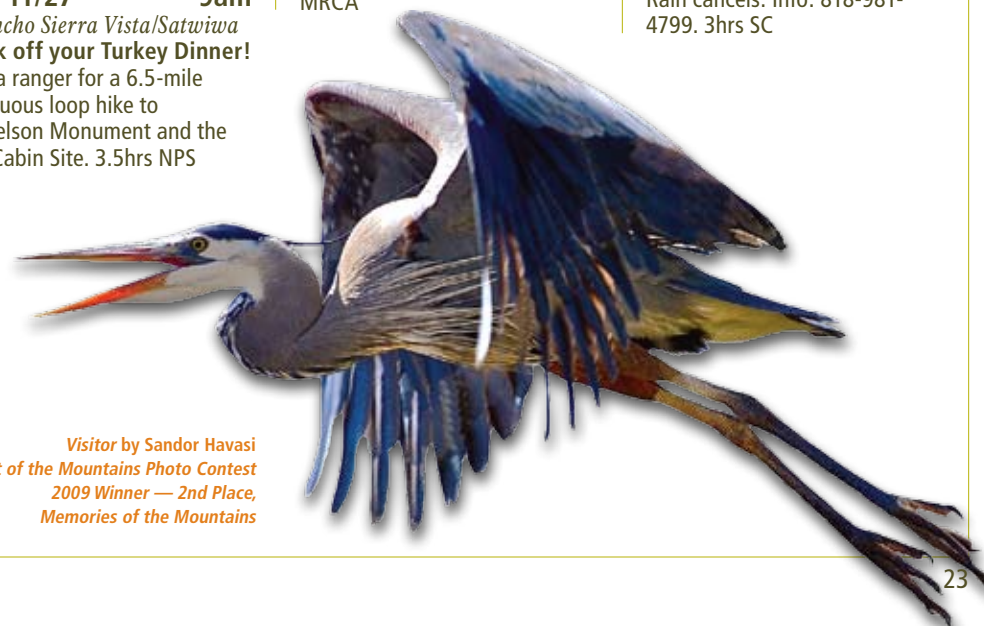
Malibu Lagoon State Park
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups. 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 11/28 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Ramble 2 miles around the coastal park on trails with views of mountains and sea; walk on the beach; return to the Bluffs and look for dolphins and whales. Meet in the parking lot. 2hrs CNPS

TUE 11/30 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Easy-pace Hikers: China Flat 6-mile, 900' gain hike through chaparral, grasslands, and oaks with views from the highest peak in Simi Hills. Meet at Lindero Cyn Rd Trailhead (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Lindero Cyn Rd exit north about 4 miles, past Kanan Rd to King James Ct and park on Lindero Cyn Rd). Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3hrs SC



Visitor by Sandor Havasi
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
2009 Winner — 2nd Place,
Memories of the Mountains

December



Bush Sunflower
Encelia californica

WED 12/1 10am
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THU 12/2 8:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: Cold Creek to Saddle Peak 8-mile, 1500' gain hike. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-457-9783. 4hrs SC

SAT 12/4 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

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SAT 12/4 9am
Caballero Canyon - Lower Trailhead
Caballero and Woodland Trail Hike Moderately paced (with strenuous sections) 8.5-mile, 1200' gain loop to Cathedral Rocks. No beginners. Bring lugsoles, water, and lunch. Info: 818-708-9535 4.5hrs SC

SAT 12/4 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamt.com. 4hrs CORBA

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SAT 12/4 10am
Rocky Oaks
Light on the Land Take an easy stroll and learn how to safely hike while lessening your impact on our fragile environment. Take a personal role by learning *Leave No Trace* skills such as basic outdoor travel. 1.5hrs NPS

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SUN 12/5 9:30am
Point Mugu State Park - Ray Miller Trailhead
Western Coastal Slope Trail Hike Explore the trail on this 6.5-mile loop around Mugu Peak and through La Jolla Valley. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. 3.5hrs CWC

SUN 12/5 4pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Music in the Mountains Connect with the spirit of nature as we focus on meditative rhythms. Bring a didgeridoo, drum, flute, clapper stick, or a shaker. 1hr MRCA

TUE 12/7 8:30am
Caballero Canyon - Upper Trailhead
Easy-pace Hikers: Nike Site 5-mile, 600' gain hike along old dirt Mulholland to Cold War Nike site. Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

Satwiwa Winter Solstice GUEST ARTIST SHOW & SALE

**Sunday, December 5
10am-3pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join us for a day full of hand-crafted art, music, storytelling, and family fun. Purchase beautiful and unique Native American art for the holidays and meet local artists. Eric Alvarado will be honoring us with his flute music throughout the day.

Info: 805-370-2301

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Santa Monica Mountains Photography Workshop

THE MASTERS PROGRAM & DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BOOT CAMP

December 9–12
Thursday to Sunday – noon to noon

Photographer **Tom Gamache** author of *"Range on the Edge/ The Santa Monica Mountains"* and photography instructor **Van Webster** will explain and demonstrate the principles, techniques and secrets of landscape composition.

The dual roles of the workshop are:
How to take your camera off auto &
How to make truly 'eye-catching' landscape photographs

See Tom's work at: www.tomgamache.com

Presented in conjunction with UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve.

INFO:

Sheila Braden (NPS)
sheila_braden@nps.gov
(805) 370-2394

Carol Felixson
(UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve)
cfelixso@ucla.edu
(310) 206-3887

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SAT 12/11 9:30am
King Gillette Ranch
Paint Out Join other artists for a half-day paint out at this historic ranch property, which later housed a religious sect and was a college campus. With a stately eucalyptus-lined entry, mountain vistas, oak groves, and a Mediterranean estate, there's a lot to paint! Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

Historic Adamson House at Malibu Lagoon State Beach



Christmas Holiday Evening Tours

Fridays in December
Special evening tours of the festively decorated Adamson House. 1.5 hour tour. Call for dates, times, and reservations. FEE.

Garden Tours

Tuesdays at 10am For groups of 10 or more.
Fridays at 10am For individuals and small groups.
Meet docent at the Gate House for a 1 hour tour.
Reservation required for groups of 10 or more. FEE.

For times and reservations: **310-456-8432**

SAT 12/11 2pm
King Gillette Ranch
Capture a Nature Moment Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a nature photographer pro. Meet at the native plant garden. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 12/11 3pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Exploring the Darkness Join naturalist Steve for this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of darkness. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 12/11 3:30pm
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Winter Solstice Hike Prepare yourself for the upcoming Winter Solstice with a moderate afternoon hike up the Hastain Trail. Identify stars, planets, and plants, and discuss seasonal changes. Meet at lower parking lot restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 12/12 8am
King Gillette Ranch
Birds of the Season On this 1-mile accessible walk, find out why so many species settle in for winter at this site. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Meet at native plant garden. Info: 805-370-2301. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 12/12 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Weed War is Recruiting Help tend the CNPS Commemorative Oak Grove where 20th Century Fox warehouse and heavy equipment were once stored. Bring lunch, water, and gloves. Receive credit for community service hours. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 12/12 10am
Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate
Easing into Winter Savor subtle landscape changes as winter moves into chaparral canyon woodlands. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 12/12 2pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Capture a Nature Moment
 Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA.

TUE 12/14 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Easy-pace Hikers: Cornell to Century Lake 4-mile, 600' gain hike with views of Century Lake and Rock Pool. See the sites where many movies were shot. Meet at Cornell and Mulholland dirt parking area. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 2.5hrs SC

TUE 12/14 9am

Topanga State Park
Moderate Hikers: Cathedral Rock (2000') from Trippet Ranch 8-mile roundtrip, 1900' gain hike with lunch at Cathedral Rock. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-786-4932. 4hrs SC

THU 12/16 8:30am

Caballero Canyon - Lower Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: Nike Missile Radar Site 8-mile, 1100' gain hike with mountain and valley views. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

THU 12/16 7pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nachochan Gathering
 "Nachochan" in Tongva means, "My eyes see your eyes. My hands are open." We open our hands to you. Join us for hands-on learning, crafts, and guest speakers. It's optional to bring a snack to share. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 12/18 8:30am

Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter Explore the trails of central Santa Monica Mountains into Topanga State Park. Early winter flowers might include milk maids, golden currant, and mountain lilacs as we hike through chaparral and oak woodlands. Bring water, hat, sun block, and sturdy boots. Info: 818-782-9346. 3hrs CNPS

SAT 12/18 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 12/18 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/18 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to go to work site. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 12/19 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Leaders: Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 12/19 9:30am

Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

TUE 12/21 5pm

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Adventure Look and listen for wildlife while enjoying a view of the stars on this moderately strenuous hike with naturalist Michael. All ages welcome. Meet at lower parking lot restrooms. Park gates will close promptly at 7:15pm. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 12/21 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Meet at the upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

December 21, Tuesday at 7:30pm
 Temescal Gateway Park

Family Songs & Sing-a-long for the Holiday

We are celebrating the season with an evening of fun and sweets to go along with songs and storytelling. So bring the family and your singing spirit. We'll have a fire in the fireplace with hot cider and more. Meet at Woodland Hall. 2hrs SMMC/MRCA

SAT 12/25 8am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Christmas Day Bird Hike
 Christmas Day has long been a birding tradition to get out in nature and see who is around for the winter or just passing through. Join naturalist Paul for a leisurely stroll. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 12/25 10am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Annual Holiday Toyon Trek
 Easy paced 6-mile, 1200' gain loop, Christmas Day hike. Bring water, lunch, and goodies to share. Rain cancels. Info: 310-822-6848. 3.5hrs SC

SUN 12/26 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Park
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts, beginners, adults, teens - all are welcome! Bring binoculars. 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 12/26 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek
 Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 12/26 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Park
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families (binoculars provided). Reservations required for groups. 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 12/26 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea
 Ramble 2 miles around the coastal park on trails with views of mountains and sea; walk on the beach; return to the Bluffs and look for dolphins and whales. Meet in the parking lot. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 12/26 10am

Circle X Ranch - Sandstone Peak Trailhead
Hike to the Top! Join a ranger on this strenuous hike to the highest point in the Santa Monica Mountains, and learn about the explosive vulcanology of the area. Bring water, lunch, and sunscreen. 4hrs NPS

TUE 12/28 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Easy-pace Hikers: Eagle Rock 5-mile, 700' gain hike to a great 360°-view at Eagle Rock via the Musch Trail. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

TUE 12/28 9am

Topanga State Park - Los Liones Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: Parker Mesa Overlook 7-mile round-trip, 1530' gain hike on steep trails from Los Liones Cyn to panoramic overlook above the Pacific. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-821-4123. 4hrs SC

TUE 12/28 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting
 Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP



Pacific Tree Frog
Pseudacris regilla

Hiking & Safety Tips



*Tranquil Outing by Rip Rippey, Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
2009 Winner – 1st Place Tie, Scenic Shots Category*

Ticks are plentiful. Some of them carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In the event of a rattlesnake bite, DO NOT make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

Wear sturdy **footwear** – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

Never hike alone, use the buddy system. That allows someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

Help prevent wildfire. Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas. Do not build fires on the ground.

Carry and drink plenty of **water** it. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

Note: Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

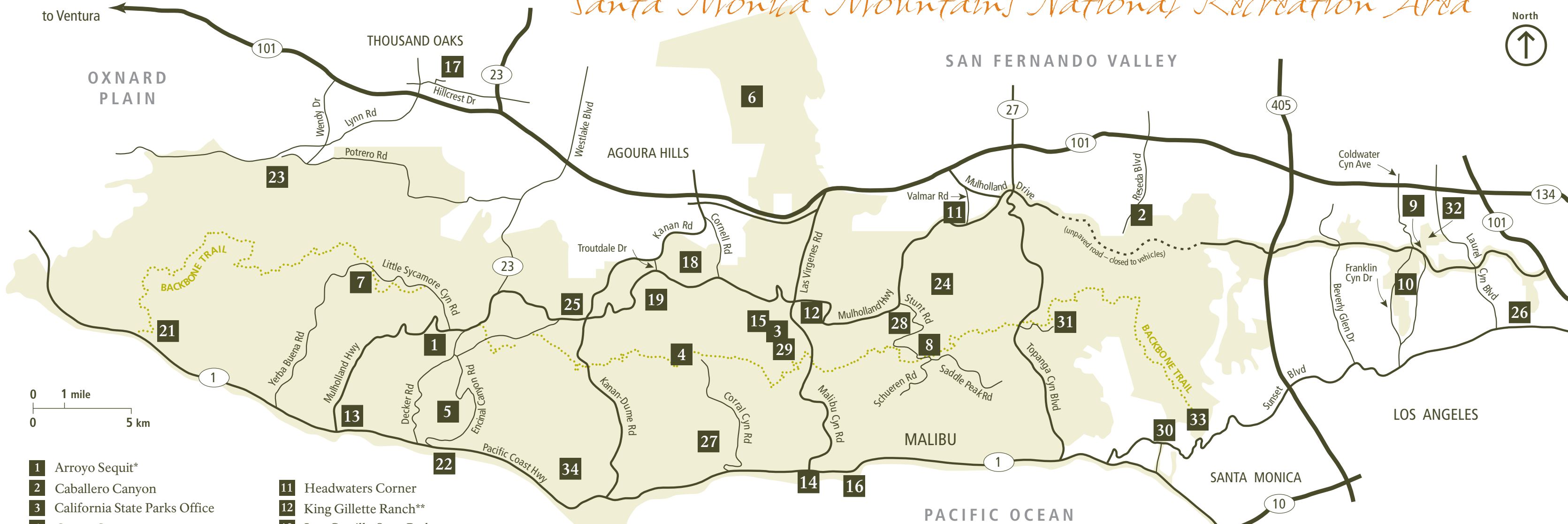
Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCO
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K–12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

Directions

- 1 ***Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 **Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 **California State Parks Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 ***Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 **Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 ***Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 ***Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- 8 **Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation. Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 **Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 **Franklin Canyon**
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon): From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)
Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon): From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)
- 11 **Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.
- 12 **King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 **Leo Carrillo State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.
Nicholas Flat Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 **Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 **Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.
Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).
Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.
- 16 **Malibu Lagoon State Beach** Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.
Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.
- 17 ***National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** 401 West Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks. Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into first driveway on your right. Follow road to the end. The visitor center is located in first building nearest road.
- 18 ***Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 19 ***Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 20 **Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 21 **Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.
Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 22 **R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.
- 23 ***Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa** Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.
Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

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*Site map available at www.nps.gov/samo
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24 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

25 *Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

26 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

27 *Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #23.

Sooky Goldman Nature Center
See #10.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.

29 Tapia Park See #15.

30 Temescal Gateway Park From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

33 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 *Zuma/Trancas Canyons

Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.

Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.

Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.

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